

MICHELLE CHINGWA EDUCATION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Miigwetch for your interest in the LTBB Education Department's scholarship program. Enclosed in this application packet you will find the following:

- Student must have on file a completed application packet to apply for the MCEA scholarship before established deadline, which includes the following:
 1. MCEA application (once per academic year)
 2. Release of Information (once per academic year)
 3. Student Aid Report from Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (once per academic year)
 4. Copy of current schedule
 5. Copy of most recent grade reports (last time awarded & last time attended) reflecting cumulative GPA
 6. Copy of Tribal I.D. (new students only)
 - Eligibility for the MCEA scholarship is based on four specific criteria:
 1. The student must be an enrolled member of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
 2. The student must be enrolled in the educational institution for which the scholarship is being applied
 3. The student must maintain a 2.0 overall/cumulative GPA (this item is subject to appeal)
 4. The student must have applied for other available financial aid. This includes the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) .
 - The scholarship shall be calculated on a semester equivalent per credit hour basis with five classifications**:
 - **CLASS 1: Courses or college programs that are sponsored by LTBB and provided nearly free to student.**
 - (\$25/credit hr.)
 - **CLASS 2: Junior or Community colleges**
 - (\$150/credit hr.)
 - **CLASS 3: Four year colleges or four year degree programs**
 - (\$250/credit hr.)
 - **CLASS 4: Graduate level courses**
 - (\$350/credit hr.)
 - **CLASS 5: Free courses (no out-of-pocket cost to student)**
 - (\$15/credit hr.)
- **these rates may be adjusted to meet allocated budget**
- Deadlines for a school operating under the standard semester system are established as follows:
 - **Fall (August – December): October 1st**
 - **Winter/Spring (January – May): February 15th**
 - **Summer (May – August): June 15th**
 - **For any schedule that operates outside of the standard semester system described above (i.e. quarters, trimesters, continuous schedule), the deadline will be 30 days after the start date of your 1st class**
- Higher Education Student Services Specialist verifies the student's application file is complete. Calculations are made to determine the semester award based on Executive Directive #6-12052007-01.
- The continuation of a student's scholarship application for subsequent semesters during an academic year relies on the submission of a new course schedule for the upcoming semester and grades from the previous semester before established deadlines.
- LTBB members wishing to appeal a decision made in the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance scholarship program will follow the approved "Appeal Policy" guidelines as approved by the Executive in REG-WOS 2007-05-080809-006.

This application cover sheet serves to provide information for the student and reflects WOS 2007-005, Executive Directive #6-12052007-01, and REG-WOS 2007-05-080809-006. **COPIES OF EACH ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

MICHELLE CHINGWA EDUCATION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SCHOOL YEAR 20__ TO 20__

APPLICATION: NEW__ CONTINUED__

NAME: Last First Middle Maiden Soc. Sec. #
_____ - ____ - ____

Tribal Enrollment # _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

HOME ADDRESS:

STREET _____ PHONE# _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

WHERE YOU LIVE WHILE AT SCHOOL: check if same as above _____

STREET _____ PHONE# _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____ Diploma _____ or GED _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: Public ____ Private ____ Tribal ____

NAME: _____

COLLEGE MAJOR: _____

EXPECTED DEGREE (circle one): AA AS BA BS MA MS Ph.D. CERTIFICATE

THIS YEAR, I WILL BE A: ____ Undergraduate Student ____ Graduate Student

STUDENT STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION---IMPORTANT---READ CAREFULLY:

I declare that the information I have provided is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to the program guidelines as defined by the Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Statute 2007-005 and its implementing regulations. I agree that I will contact the financial aid office of my institution and apply for other financial aid that may be available to me. I further agree to notify the Education Department of withdrawn credits, incomplete courses, school transfer, graduation, and degree/certificate earned.

Signature of Student

Date

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Education Department
Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Scholarship
RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Students Printed Name

Social Security Number

Special terms that apply:

Financial Aid Office means the office of an institution of higher education that has responsibility for institutionally administered financial aid.

Financial Aid Package means the institution's documents that identify the amounts and types of financial aid awarded by the institution and the amount of unmet need or the SAR.

Transcripts mean an official copy of the student's courses, grades, and grade point average to date of the request.

Tribe means the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians or the Waganakising Odawa.

Special Achievements means events worthy of certificates, publications such as a dissertation or thesis, Dean's List or other lists of academic achievements, and employment after graduation.

Press release means any form of public notification i.e. Tribal News Letter, Annual Tribal meeting, bulletin boards, and World Wide Web.

Authorization:

I authorize the financial aid office of any school I am attending to notify the Tribe of my financial need and further authorize any school I am attending to release a copy of my financial aid package and my transcripts to the Tribe's Education Department for each term of attendance. I also authorize the Education Department to make Press releases on my behalf in cases of special achievements, graduations, and any other event I may want published. This authorization is made with the understanding that the information will be used with the exception of press releases only for processing my scholarship and for data collection and reporting requirements as established by the Tribe. In addition I give permission for the Education Department to share information about my field of study and program completion with the Human Resources Department of both the LTBB Tribal Government and its Enterprises for recruitment purposes.

Signature of Student

Date

Authorization to Release Information

In the United States, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 protects the privacy of student educational records. Therefore, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Education Department cannot release any personally identifiable information contained in a student's educational records, either verbally or in writing, without prior written consent. A parent does not have the automatic right to view the student records of their child, unless that child is a dependent under 18 years of age as defined by IRS regulations. Students may grant a third party (i.e. parent, family member, friend, spouse, or other individual or organization) permission to access student educational records by completing this form and returning it to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Education Department.

I, (full name) _____ authorize Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Education Department to release information regarding my student file in whole or in part to the following individual(s).

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)	Relationship to Student	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Student Signature

Tribal ID Number

Date

- If you no longer wish for the listed individual(s) to have access to information in your file, you must notify the Education Department in writing.